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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Constantin Cope, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/813,806

Filed: March 31, 2004

For: BLOODLESS PERCUTANEOUS  
INSERTION SYSTEM

Attorney Docket No: 8627/487 (PA-5391-RFB)

Examiner: Bouchelle, Laura A.

Art Unit: 3763

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 27, 2006  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ Small Entity.  
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).  
☐ A petition or surcharge in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e).  
☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total	27	Minus	28	0	x \$25=			x \$50=	
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above-identified fee(s) is enclosed.  
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.  
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☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sept-19, 2006*  
Date

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**PATENT**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 27, 2006**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
The Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.